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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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- 1. (Original) A method of storing a respiring biological material wherein the respiring biological material is stored in a packaging atmosphere within a sealed container which
 - has an interior surface at least part of which is composed of a hydrophilic (a) polymer composition (HPC), and
 - comprises an auxiliary component comprising a second polymeric (b) composition (i) which is not an HPC, and (ii) through which pass oxygen and carbon dioxide entering or leaving the packaging atmosphere.
- A method according to claim 1 which has at least one of the 2. (Currently amended) 15 following characteristics
 - (a) the auxiliary component has an R ratio of at least 1.5;
 - the auxiliary component has a P₁₀ ratio of at least 1.3;
 - (c) the auxiliary component comprises an atmosphere control member (ACM) comprising a microporous film having a coating of the second polymeric composition polymer thereon;
 - (d) the auxiliary component is part of a laminate comprising a first layer and composed of the HPC and a second layer composed of the second polymeric composition, the second layer having one or more of the following characteristics
 - it is less 10 micron thick, (i)
 - (ii) it is composed of a polyolefin,
 - (iii) it is part of a three-layer laminate and is sandwiched between the first layer and a third layer, and
 - it has an MVTR of 50 to 250. (iv)
- 3. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the HPC is in the 30 form of a film having a window therein, and the auxiliary component covers the window.

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- 4. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the container comprises at least one first discrete section composed of the HPC and at least one second discrete section composed of the second polymeric composition.
- 5. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the HPC provides at least 50 % of the interior surface of sealed container.
- 6. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the packaging atmosphere has an oxygen content of 2-5% and a carbon dioxide content of 5-10%.
- 7. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the HPC composition comprises a polyamide.
- 15 8. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein a film consisting of the HPC, when immersed in water at 23°C, has an equilibrium water content of at least 6.0 % by weight based on the dry weight of the composition.
- 9. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein a film consisting of
 the HPC, when exposed at 23°C to an atmosphere having a relative humidity of 50%,
 has an equilibrium water content of at least 2.4%, by weight, based on the dry weight of
 the composition.
 - 10. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the respiring biological material is bananas.
 - 11. (Withdrawn) A sealable container which, when sealed around a respiring biological material, is suitable for use in the method of claim 1 and which
 - (a) has an interior surface at least part of which is composed of a hydrophilic polymer composition (HPC), and

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- (b) comprises an auxiliary component comprising a second polymeric composition (i) which is not an HPC, and (ii) through which pass oxygen and carbon dioxide entering or leaving the packaging atmosphere.
- 5 12. (Withdrawn) A sealed container which is suitable for use in the method of claim 1 and which
 - (a) has an interior surface at least part of which is composed of a hydrophilic polymer composition (HPC), and
- (b) comprises an auxiliary component comprising a second polymeric
 10 composition (i) which is not an HPC, and (ii) through which pass oxygen and carbon dioxide entering or leaving the packaging atmosphere.
 - 13-14, Canceled.

- 15 / 15. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the HPC comprises polylactic acid.
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- 19. (New) A method according to claim 1 wherein (1) the HPC is in the form of a film having a window therein, and (2) the auxiliary component (i) covers the window, and (ii) is an atmosphere control member having a R ratio of at least 1.5 and comprising a microporous film having a coating of the non-HPC polymeric material thereon.
- 25 20. (New) A method according to claim 1 wherein (1) the HPC is in the form of a polyester film having a window therein, and (2) the auxiliary component (i) covers the window, and (ii) is an atmosphere control member having a R ratio of at least 1.5 and comprising a microporous film having a coating of the non-HPC polymeric material thereon, the non-HPC polymeric material comprising a side chain crystalline polymer.

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- 21. (New) A sealable container according to claim 11 wherein (1) the HPC is in the form of a film having a window therein, and (2) the auxiliary component (i) covers the window, and (ii) is an atmosphere control member having a R ratio of at least 1.5 and comprising a microporous film having a coating of the non-HPC polymeric material thereon.
- 22. (New, Withdrawn) A sealable container according to claim 11 wherein (1) the HPC is in the form of a film having a window therein, and (2) the auxiliary component (i) covers the window, and (ii) is an atmosphere control member having a R ratio of at least 1.5 and comprising a microporous film having a coating of the non-HPC polymeric material thereon, the non-HPC polymeric material comprising a side chain crystalline polymer.
- 23. (New, withdrawn) A sealable container according to claim 11 wherein (1) the HPC is in the form of a polyester film having a window therein, and (2) the auxiliary component (i) covers the window, and (ii) is an atmosphere control member having a R ratio of at least 1.5 and comprising a microporous film having a coating of the non-HPC polymeric material thereon.
- 24. (New)) A method of storing a respiring biological material wherein the respiring biological material is stored in a packaging atmosphere within a sealed container which consists essentially of (1) a polyester film having a window therein and (2) an auxiliary component which covers the window:
- the polyester film, when immersed in water at 23°C, having an equilibrium water

 content of at least 4.0%, based on the dry weight of the film; and
 the auxiliary component being an atmosphere control member (i) through which pass
 oxygen and carbon dioxide entering or leaving the packaging atmosphere. (ii) which has
 an R ratio of at least 1.5, and (iii) which comprises a microporous film having a coating
 of a non-HPC polymeric material thereon.

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25. (New) A method according to claim 24 wherein the non-HPC polymeric material comprises a side chain crystalline polymer.